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SHERIFF ANNOUNCES ARREST IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASE

WAUKEGAN, IL. – Lake County Sheriff Gary Del Re today announced the August 20, 2003 arrest of a 16 year old Ingleside youth with three counts of Possession of Child Pornography.

The Ingleside youth came to the attention of the Lake County Sheriff's Office the early morning hours of August 20 when he was found walking in an Ingleside neighborhood for no apparent reason. The youth was found, at that time, to be in possession of three photographs depicting what appeared to be minors without clothing on.

Under questioning by investigators, the juvenile admitted he had several other similar pictures downloaded on his computer, that computer being located in his bedroom at his parents residence. Investigators obtained a search warrant and seized the computer from the juvenile's home. On the computers hard drive, investigators discovered approximately 4000 images of juveniles believed to be from four to eleven years of age, with the juveniles being unclothed. While the images did not display sexual acts, it was apparent the individuals in the photographs were posed.

The juvenile is currently charged with three counts of Possession of Child Pornography in regards to the photographs he was initially found to possess. The juvenile is being held in the Robert Babcox Juvenile Justice Center pending court appearances.